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A lieutenant and a firefighter won top honors Jan. 14 at the Burleson Fire Department's annual awards banquet.

Lt. Jeremiah Lozier took home the Fire Officer of the Year award and Firefighter Kevin Hunter earned the Firefighter of the Year honors.

Life Saving awards went to the fire personnel involved in the Aug. 3, 2011, rescue of a worker who was stranded more than 700 feet in the air on a cell phone tower. Those honored included Lt. Lozier; firefighters Bill Buchanan, Dallas Fowler, and Jules Knight; Engineer Matt Moseley; Battalion Chief Tom Foster; lieutenants Claude Scally and Steve Burchette; Fire Marshal Stacy Singleton; and Fire Investigator David Butler.

Almost a dozen Burleson firefighters were recognized for their help in battling grass fires through the TIFMAS (Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System) program. Firefighters responded for two-five day stretches to Jacksboro, Merkle, Robert Lee and Cass County. The honorees include Lt. Lozier, Engineer Moseley, Firefighter Hunter, Firefighter Eddie Limon, Battalion Chief Brent Batla, Engineer Jake Hopps, Lt. Casey Davis, Battalion Chief Foster, Firefighter Chuck Sharp, Lt. Scally and Engineer Shelby Stone.

The Busiest Shift award went to Station 1, C shift with 585 fire calls out of a total of 3,130 for the Burleson Fire Department in 2011. The Busiest Shift crew includes Lt. Davis, Engineer Stone, and firefighters Robert Clarkin and Jon Wheat. Lt. Mike Jones won the honors for the Most Career Training with 436 hours in 2011.

Lt. Duane Wines and Firefighter Hank Walker earned 10-year service awards. Engineers Chuck Martinez and Shane Mobley were recognized with five-year service awards.

Firefighters' dedication to advancement was recognized with certification awards. Battalion Chief Batla earned his Master Firefighter certification; Lt. Justin Crites and firefighters David Franks and Hopps and engineers James Pribble and Don Wooten earned Advanced Firefighter certification; firefighters Jeff Hart, Hunter and Limon completed the Intermediate Firefighter certification; Hart and Hunter earned Fire Instructor 1; lieutenants Josh Jacobs, Lozier, Scally and Wines

earned Fire Inspector certification; and Firefighter Jon Wheat completed the Driver/Operator certification.

Firefighters poked fun at their comrades with the first Gold Mic awards. The honorees are Lt. Casey Davis, Engineer Pribble and Lt. Burchette.

The fire department honored City Manager Curtis Hawk with his own fire helmet in recognition of Hawk's upcoming March 2012 retirement.

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